

Worship Service - December 26, 2010 – 11:00 AM

Welcome

Families with children are welcome in worship.
Nursery care is also available for infants and toddlers
downstairs throughout the service.

Prelude

Amy Ackerberg-Hastings

*Call to Worship

Leader: The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace
and truth.

All: We have beheld his glory. Alleluia!

Leader: A child has been born for us,

All: a son given to us;

Leader: authority rests upon his shoulder, and he is named:

**All: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father,
Prince of Peace.**

*Opening Prayer/The Lord's Prayer (Trespases)

Sing Your Favorite Carols, part 1

Offering:

Offertory

*Doxology

*Offering Prayer

Scripture Readings:

Psalm 148

Matthew 2:13-23

Liz Reitman, Reader

Prayers of the Family of God

Sing Your Favorite Carols, part 2

Scripture Reading:

Hebrews 2:10-18

Sermon Series: "Look at What Else is Under the Tree" part 1

Sermon

Rev. Earl E. Dunbar

THE GIFT OF "SO WHAT"

Invitation to Confession/Words of Assurance

*Closing Hymn

#190 Christmas Has Its Cradle

*Benediction

*Those who are able please stand.

SERVING TODAY

Greeters: None Scheduled
Ushers: Aaron Knowles
Reader: Liz Reitman
Nursery/Assistant: Martha Reitman
Snack: None Scheduled
Sound Technician: None Scheduled

SERVING NEXT WEEK: January 2

Greeters: To Be Announced
Ushers: To Be Announced
Reader: Bud Clark
Nursery/Assistant: To Be Announced
Snack: To Be Announced
Sound Technician: To Be Announced

Birthdays and Anniversaries This week

Today Brad Johnson
Friday Courtney Sanders

When you come to church on Sunday, remember to . . .

Bring your Bibles – It's not all in the bulletin

Bring canned goods for outreach to those in need through the food pantries at ECHO and Rising Hope

Bring change for the change box to fund capital improvements

Bring a dollar or two to help our Youth Group support Yohannes Makalew, our Compassion international sponsored child in Indonesia

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Our mission as a congregation is calling people from this community and around the world into communion with Christ. Our communion with him and with each other grows as we enter into the promises and challenges that a covenant with Christ includes.

THIS WEEK

Today	10:15 AM	Pastry and Prayer
	11:00 AM	Worship Service
Tuesday		No Women's Bible Study
Sunday, January 2		
	10:15 AM	Pastry and Prayer (No Sunday School)
	11:00 AM	Worship Service
	12:30 PM	Christian Formation
		Committee Meeting

Remember that this building is regularly used by many other groups. If you are planning an activity, please check the complete calendar in the church office and contact Aaron Knowles, our Administrative Assistant, before scheduling an event. Aaron can be reached by calling the church office or 703-425-5633. The deadline for bulletin announcements is 9 AM Friday

Welcome! Whether this is your first time with us, a return visit, or something you do every week, we're happy that you're here! Families with children are welcomed in our worship services and nursery care for infants and toddlers is also available downstairs. We hope your experience here today will be encouraging and helpful to you spiritually.

PASTOR EARL: will be in the church office most weeks from Monday-Thursday. You can reach him by calling either at the parsonage or church office. You can also reach him on Fridays in the church office in emergency situations. In emergencies, you can also reach Pastor Earl on his cell phone at: (603) 568-3357. Until we have the on-line community up and running, you can reach him via e-mail at: eedunbar@aol.com.

TELL ME YOUR STORY: Pastor Earl would love to get together with you and hear your story: how you came to Northern Virginia, how you came to Community Covenant, how you came to know Jesus as Savior (if applicable), and anything else you wish to tell. We can meet for a meal, a cup of tea/coffee/soda, dessert, or whatever. See Pastor Earl to arrange a time.

PASTRY AND PRAYER - You are invited to join together Sunday mornings for 25 minutes of pastry and prayer with Pastor Earl. We'll pray for our Sunday School, Morning Worship, Pastoral Search, and any other major church/community needs. Special things happen when the community of faith gathers to pray. And, there's pastry! We'll meet at the following times: Jan. 2 – 10:15, Jan. 9 and 16 – 8:45. This is an informal time so please join us anytime you can during this 25 minute period to join together and pray (and eat Pastry)

CANDIDATES ARE COMING: A Pastoral couple is coming to candidate to be our next pastor(s) for our church. Candidating weekend will be January 8 and 9. Watch for more details as to the identity of the candidates and the schedule of events for the weekend. Voting on the candidates will be at a church meeting soon after the weekend. Watch and listen for more details.

Contributions to the Outdoor Sign accepted. Please leave ideas on the homepage, for any important thoughts that can be used on the sign every week. Thanks.

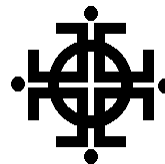
ON-LINE COMMUNITY: Our online community is now up and running. If you did not receive an e-mail from "cccpcastor" this week and would like to be on our e-mail community list, please write down your e-mail address on the Home Page in the bulletin and place it in the collection plate.

A volunteer sign up sheet for the holiday season is on the table outside the sanctuary. Please let us know when and where you can volunteer. All help is appreciated!

VOYAGE OF THE DAWN TRAEDEER: If you are interested in being part of a group to see this new movie, please see Pastor Earl. Perhaps we can get a group together during the week between Christmas and New Years.

Did you miss last week's sermon? Hear it and read the bulletin each week on the church website. It is updated weekly. Please visit us at www.covenantchurchva.org.

Covenant World Mission Prayer Line: 1-800-FON-PRAY



The character of the Evangelical Covenant Church is expressed by our logo: at the center is the cross. Next is a circle – the symbol of our unity in Christ. Then four different people, joined together, reach out to the world in love. Find out more about the Covenant at www.covchurch.org

Sermon Outline:

Sermon Series: "Look At What Else is Under the Tree"

Sermon: "The Gift of 'So What'"

Text: Hebrews 2:10-18

Main Idea: Receive the Amazing Love of Christmas: An Easter for Our Good Fridays

Today we are going to see the blessings you receive as you live out the "So What" of Christmas

I. Because of Christmas, there is Glory for our Shame (vs.10)

II. Because of Christmas, there is Family for our Separation (vs.11-13)

III. Because of Christmas, there is Light for our Darkness (Vs.14-18)

Questions for Application:

For which of the above blessings are you most thankful this Christmas? Can you tell God about it? _____

For which of the above blessings are you in most need of receiving?

What has prevented you from receiving this blessing? _____
